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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 1621

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE B-AMINO ALCOHOL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT **AND AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 13, 2006. As discussed further in the remarks, Applicant elects without traverse Group 1, claims 1-21 and 47-54, drawn to a process for producing an optically active α -substituted aminoketone and an α -substituted aminoketone.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications.

In addition, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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